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TAGS: PORG, IS, US

SUBJECT: ISRAELI AND U.S. STATEMENTS ABOUT PALESTINIAN
PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE

REF: TEL AVIV 7978

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ANSWER: YES. I CAN SAY THAT WE AND THE ISRAELIS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A MINUTE SUMMARIZING A PART OF OUR CONVERSATION OF OCTOBER 4 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN. I DO NOT WANT TO GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT OUR DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES WHICH ARE CLEARLY IN A DELICATE STAGE, BUT LET ME MAKE TWO POINTS:

--AT OUR MEETING IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 4, SECRETARY VANCE CONFIRMED THAT IT REMAINS OUR POSITION THAT ANY NEW PARTICIPANTS IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE MUST BE AGREED TO BY ALL THE ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS. ISRAEL, LIKE THE OTHER PARTIES, THEREFORE HAS THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO ANY NEW PARTICIPANTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED OF ISRAEL'S OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO.

--AS THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED ON "MEET THE PRESS" SUNDAY, THE QUESTION OF HOW THE PALESTINIANS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT GENEVA REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER WITH BOTH THE ISRAELIS AND THE ARABS.

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ANSWER:

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